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FOIA REQUEST

Fee waiver requested

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of Correspondence, including memos, briefing papers and the like, . between EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and White House Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney concerning the budget for and/or elimination of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board. Correspondence, including memos, briefing papers, and the like between EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator Nancy Beck and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and/or OMB Director Mick Mulvaney regarding elimination of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for the fiscal years 2018 and 2019.

I would like to receive the information in cds or thumb drives.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities. I am writing a story for the general public on what elimination of the Chemical Safety Board could mean to chemical plant workers and anyone who lives in the vicinity of chemical plant facilities that process or store highly toxic chemicals.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

I would appreciate your communicating with me by email or telephone, rather than by mail.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information about proposed elimination of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board because The CSB investigates chemical accidents across the country, many of which are located near communities that may be affected by preventable chemical facility accidents such as spills, releases, explosions and fires. The public has a right to know the justification for eliminating this crucial investigative body whose work also prevents chemical accidents by pointing to corrective and other safety measures that can be adopted by the chemical and allied

the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your determination regarding my request for expedited processing within 10 calendar days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

William Schulz

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Dear FOIA Officer:

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

William Schulz

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